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LOK SABHA

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OPENING OF PETROL/DIESEL OUTLETS/LPG AGENCIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government proposes to open new Petrol/ Diesel /CNG outlets/ LPG agencies in West Bengal and Tamil Nadu during 2005-06;

(b): if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(c): the details of places for which advertisements have been given in the various newspapers, location-wise; and

(d): the time by which Petrol/Diesel outlets/LPG agencies are likely to be provided at the above places?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c): While there is no plan to set up Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) outlets in the States of West Bengal and Tamil Nadu during 2005-06, the public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) propose to set up retail outlet dealerships (petrol/diesel outlets) (RO) and LPG distributorships (LPG) in these States during the year. The State-wise position is as under:-

State	No. of dealerships/ distributorships proposed to be opened during 2005-06.	
	RO	LPG
West Bengal	396	45
Tamil Nadu	432	69

Location-wise details of these dealerships/distributorships, as well as location-wise details of advertisements released by the OMCs, are available with the Director(Marketing) of the OMC concerned.

(d): It is not possible to indicate the time-frame for the commissioning of dealerships/distributorships as the exercise involves various steps like scrutiny of applications and documents, conduct of interviews of the eligible candidates for selection of dealers/distributors, release of merit panels, field investigation in respect of selected candidates, obtaining land/statutory approvals / licences, construction, etc.